

**Voluntary Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant Program** is designed to enhance the wildland fire protection capabilities of rural fire departments.

The Rural fire department must serve a community with a population of 10,000 or less, with wildland/urban interface.

The rural fire department must provide a cost-share minimum of 10%. Cooperator may be in the form of in-kind services, support, costs, or dollars.

Funding requests are limited to what is approved in the applications, i.e., wildland fire training or support, hand-held/mobile radio equipment that is narrow-band/digitally capable (P-25 compliant), wildland fire PPE, new generation fire shelters, or basic wildland fire equipment/tools.

Funding can NOT be used for: ATV's, base station radios, repeaters, or fixed antennas, electronic weather meters (kestrels), GPS units, pagers, portable breathing apparatuses, permanent or fixed facilities, staffing, structural fire or specialty equipment (cross-over helmets/nozzles), or jumpsuits and brush jackets (unless specifically authorized).

During the application period the Division requires a paper copy of the proposal and an e-mail attachment in MS Word format.

**Questions about the grant can be sent to the following:**

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